



# *Wyoming Valley West School District* RETURN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL



**April 12, 2021**

Wyoming Valley West School District is planning for our April 12th 5 day a week school reopening. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, these plans may change, depending on guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and other governmental agencies, but what will remain constant is our concern for the safety, welfare, and education of all of our students and staff. Here is what you can expect when you return to the High School on April 12:

## **1. ENHANCED FOCUS ON SAFETY AND HYGIENE**

- All staff and parents/students will be expected to perform a **daily self-check on Skyward** prior to coming to school. **Individuals with elevated temperatures or symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness are expected to stay home.**  
Students/staff returning to school after an absence of 3 days or more are required to provide verification from a medical provider of fitness to return to the school setting.
- We will institute **daily hand-washing and hand-sanitizing protocols**, and our daily routines will include frequent reminders about hygienic practices. Face-to-face interactions will be minimized and will be subject to CDC and WHO guidelines for **distancing**. Hand-sanitizer stations located in each room and throughout the building along with frequent signage will increase our vigilance in sanitary behaviors.
- All areas of the building will be **cleaned and disinfected** each day, and high-traffic areas of the building will be sanitized throughout the day. Specific classrooms will use disinfectant materials and techniques between classes.
- **Ventilation and air-handling protocols** will be enhanced to ensure adequate air circulation.
- **Students and staff will be required to wear masks during the entire day. Students will be expected to bring their own masks to school.**
  - **Mask breaks** are at the discretion of the teacher and can only be allowed if students are 6 or more feet apart.
- The building will have a designated **Quarantine/Isolation** area for students who become ill or symptomatic during the school day.

## **2. TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOLS**

- Our transportation plan is being reviewed to provide the safest possible environment to transport students to school and will include designated seating and other precautions.
- **All bus students will be required to wear masks and sit in assigned seats**

## **3. REVISED BUILDING ENTRY & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

- We have new specific protocols for the arrival and dismissal of students, designed to eliminate the congregation of students and/or parents outside of the building.
- All students/staff will be required to **wear masks to be admitted to the building.**
- **ENTRY/ARRIVAL:**
  - Students arriving at school by bus will be released **beginning at 7:15 AM** and enter the school directly from the bus, using the entrances near the gyms.
  - Students self-transporting (drop off or walking) will be admitted through concourse doors **beginning at 7:15 AM** and their arrival at school should be timed accordingly.
  - Students entering the buildings will pick up their breakfasts and report directly to their classrooms/homerooms. (Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom.)
- **DISMISSAL:**
  - Dismissal will be at 2:22. Students should exit the building immediately following the bell.

#### **4. DISTANCING/OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS**

- **Classroom organization** will include appropriate distancing according to PDE, CDC, and WHO guidelines, with the elimination of face-to-face student seating and other precautions.
  - All desks will be spaced appropriately and face the same direction.
  - All staff will use **PPE** as appropriate, including masks, shields, disposable gloves, and other equipment.
- **Student movement will be reduced** to the maximum extent possible.
- **Lockers** will only be utilized prior to homeroom, prior to lunch, after lunch, and after 7th period.
- In the **stairways and hallways** students will remain to the right and distance themselves as much as possible.
- **Lunches** will be “grab-and-go” to reduce lunch lines where students congregate. Distanced seating will be assigned, and additional seating areas will be used to provide adequate space.

#### **5. ATTENDANCE**

- **WHEN IN DOUBT STAY OUT.**
  - If students are not feeling well they can stay home and log in virtually without being penalized.
- Excuses should be emailed to [hs.attendance@wvwsd.org](mailto:hs.attendance@wvwsd.org).